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Council President Gloria Honored by State Legislature

State Legislature Names Gloria LGBT Hero for Excellence in Public Service

SAN DIEGO (June 23, 2014) – Council President Todd Gloria today was honored as an LGBT Hero for Excellence in Public Service on the floor of the California State Assembly. He was one of 10 members of the LGBT community from throughout the state honored in 2014 and was nominated by Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins and Assembly Speaker Emeritus John Pérez.

“I am extremely humbled to be honored by California state leaders. Our state is home to many impressive members of the LGBT community, and to be included in such an impressive group is a proud moment for me,” said Council President Gloria. **“Serving San Diego is rewarding every day, so this recognition is a true bonus.”**

The California Legislative Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Caucus celebrates June 2014 as LGBT Pride Month with the adoption of House Resolution 43 in the Assembly and Senate Resolution 49. This year’s theme is “Standing on the Shoulders...” and is meant to honor leaders past and present who pave the way for leaders in the future of the LGBT community.

“I am grateful for those who paved the way for me to openly serve San Diego, from Harvey Milk and Neil Good to Christine Kehoe and Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, and countless allies,” said Council President Gloria.

In addition to the Council President, the others honored today are

- Donna Brown and Colleen Foster – Stockton LGBT Community Leaders
- Azature – Fashion and Jewelry Designer
- Kate Kendell – Executive Director, National Center for Lesbian Rights
- George Takei – Actor, Writer, and Civil Rights Advocate
- Jewels – Long Beach LGBT Community Leader
- Bernard Mayes – Founder, San Francisco Suicide Prevention Hotline, LGBT Advocate
- Tracie Jada O'Brien – Transgender and HIV Activist
- Rick Welts – President and COO, Golden State Warriors

Previous San Diegans to earn the honor from the California State Legislature include Bridget Wilson and Jeri Dilno.

Council President Gloria was also among 24 individuals chosen for the Aspen Institute’s Rodel Fellowship Program for Public Leadership, recognizing him as one of the nation’s most promising young leaders in American government. In the last week, he was also honored with the Visionary Award from the San Diego North Chamber of Commerce and the Once in a Lifetime Award from the San Diego County Taxpayers Association.

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